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SUBJ: GHANA CONDEMNS SOUTH AFRICAN INVASION OF ANGOLA

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1. ON MAY 5, A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATEMENT
CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICA'S INVASION OF ANGOLA, DESCRIBING
IT AS "ANOTHER LINK IN THE LONG CHAIN OF UNPROVOKED
AGGRESSIONS" PERPETRATED BY SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST
NEIGHBORING STATES. STATEMENT SAID THIS MOVE WILL
NOT STEM THE TIDE OF FREEDOM OR DAUNT SWAPO. IT
ADDED THAT, COMING AT A TIME WHEN UN HAD JUST ENDED
SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA, INVASION "CASTS DOUBTS
AS TO THE GENUINENESS OF THE PRETORIA'S REGIME'S
ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE FIVE
WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL." FINALLY,
STATEMENT SAID THAT "GHANA TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO REITERATE ITS SUPPORT FOR SWAPO IN ITS JUST
STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID OPPRESSION AND
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OCCUPATION."

2. COMMENT: GHANA HAS BEEN GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE
OF WESTERN EFFORTS TO FIND SOLUTION TO NAMIBIA
ISSUE (REFTEL). ITS DENUNCIATION OF SOUTH
AFRICA AND DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR SWAPO ARE
PRO FORMA AND WILL PROBABLY NOT CHANGE THIS

COMMITMENT. SMITH

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